natructions from Albany to remain in Brooklyn until all difficulties are amicably settled. His action of Thursday has had the approval of the full Board. Mr. Donovan desires it to be understood that President Lewis and the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn City Raliroad Company met him in a friendly and gentlemanly manner on his visit to the Board on Thursday morning, and says that all reports to the contrary are false.

The Executive Board met President William Richardson, of the Atlantic Avenue lines, at their headquarters yesterday and after a pleasant talk arranged to call on him on Monday. After he Brooklyn roads have all been attended to the New-York companies will receive attention. During the tie-up the matter of taking legal action to compel the company to run cars was discussed by Fullonst merchants, who suffered great loss in their business, and they employed W. J. Gaynor to draw up the papers and secure a writ of mandamus requiring the company to show cause why the cars should not run in accordance with the charter. As the cars were started before the papers were ready no action was taken. A number of mea who were arrested for overt acts on Thursday in Dennis Eagan, a Gates-ave, driver, for kicking Michael Harris, another driver; Thomas Meham, for interfering with Policeman Hardy, and Michael Gorman, for kicking Policeman Dulfer, were held for examination by Justice Conna. A number of cases of intoxication were also discosed of.

President Richardson, of the Atlantic Avenue Com-

DEAR MR. MAYOR—Matthew, 5th chapter, 6th verse, Luke, 2d chapter, 14th verse, Sincerely yours, WILLIAM RICHARDSON. The quotations are:

Matthew v.9.—Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall e called the children of God. Luke u.14.—Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and

LABOR TROUBLES IN AMSTERDAM. CHARGE AGAINST MISS PRANK-THE PICKETS RE-

FUSE TO GIVE BAIL AND GO TO PRISON. AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Dec. 24 (Special).—The result of an investigation into the exposure of the secret work of the Knights of Labor, conducted by the local assemblies, has resulted in charging the act to Henrietta C. Frank, of resured in Charging the file of the working people land this city. The general verdict of the working people land the charge at her door some time ago. The Knights assert that no ill will befall Miss Frank through the instrumentality of the order; but that some great calamity will overtake her is the opinion of many prominent leaders. The affidavit of the publisher of the boycotted sheet The affidavit of the publisher of the boycotted sheet which first printed the exposure, it is said, was sworn to retard investigation and shield Honrietta Frank from the slurs east by those who know the high position she once held in the order and her reasons for withdrawing. course as an officer in the order was unsatisfactory. and persecution was used to evict her from and persecution was used to evict her from
the position. Threats said to emanate from
her are public property, and much indignation
is expressed at her proceedings. Miss Frank is a tall,
masculine-looking woman. She holds a responsible position in one of the city mills. She claims to be theroughly
conversant with the details of a plot to oust her from the
community. She seemed surprised that the affidavit of
the publisher and her own protest of innocence were insufficient to exonerate her from any blame as to the

the publisher and her own protest of innocence were insufficient to exonerate her from any biame as to the expose.

The following decision was rendered by Recorder Stewart in the case of the twelve Knights of Labor pickets on trial for violating city ordinances:

"The defendants are held to be disorderly persons under the statute and are required to give an undertaking with one sufficient surety in the sum of \$250 each and in default thereof be committed to the county jail." Counsel for the defence at once applied for a stay of proceedings and a change in the amount of bail. These requests were refused. Counsel then advised his clients to furnish the required bail. Twenty-four hours' grace was given them, at the end of which time they decided as they had committed no breach of the peace, not to give bail. This decision was hastened by the receipt of a telegram from Thomas Barry advising the pickets not to give bail under any circumstances. The Court officers were very busy all day bringing in the pickets to headquarters. Judge Clute, counsel for defence, has been in Abbany to secure a stay of proceedings from the courts of that city. Up to the last minute, even white the prisoners were grouped together at headquarters, the necessary papers were expected. At 4 o'clock the prisoners were all in. Their names are William De Loug, Michael McCabe, Fred Trixan, John Hughes, James McHalvey, James Maloney, Michael Doring, Frederick Sharp, Hiram Gliman, John Farrell, Thomas Hurley and Albert Thun. They were marched down to the depot and conveyed to the county jail at Forda. As the train moved out of th station loud hurrahs-from the gathered multatude rent the air. Claims tor false imprisonment will immediately oc made against the city.

QUESTIONING MR. POWDERLY'S AUTHORITY. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Carpenters' Local Assembly of the Kuights of Labor adopted resolutions last night calling on all district assemblies to demand an imme special session of the General Assembly. The purpose is stated to be to afford an opportunity to prefer charges rainst General Master Workman Powderly for oversteping his authority.

Mrs. George Rodgers, master workman of District Asembly No. 24, Knights of Labor, still refuses to make sembly No. 24. Knights of Labor, still refuses to make public General Master Workman Powderly's communication regarding the attitude of the order toward the condemned Anarchists. It is stated in the communication that no assembly may either contribute money in aid of the Anarchists or take action encouraging such contributions. The other section is to the effect that no assembly may, without voluting the constitution and laws of the order, lend itself in aid of any political movement whatever, much less make of itself an active political machine.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The Toesin, the organ of the workingmen of this city, in its issue of to-morrow will say

rkingmen of this city, in its issue of to-morrow will say furnily: "From the number of 'secret circulars' blished by the head of the noble order, it is to be inpublished by the head of the noble order, it is to be interested that the distinguished gentleman is trying to make it appear at least that he is earning his princely salary of \$5,000 a year. Many a poor Knight of Labor, if not on the verge of starvation, is certainly not earning more than enough to keep body and soul together in this Christmas s. ason, while the heads of the order are revel
Christmas s. ason, while the heads of the order are revel
The Targata will be a redictive nucle in all the city prisons. Christmas s. ason, while the heads of the order are revel-ling in all the luxuries their princely salaties afford. The officials certainly have bettered their conditions. Pile on the assesments.

THE KNIGHTS RUN A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR. CINCINNATI, Dec. 24 (Special).—The leaders in the labor organizatio s are trying to devise means to solidify the organizatio a are trying to devise means to solicity the labor vote in the coming spring campaign. They have not yet found sufficient encouragement to justify making a formal campaign with a full city ticket, but will at least run a candidate for Mayor. Hugh Cavanaugh, District Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, will probably be their nominee. In view of the expected labor agitation for eight hours to begin in the spring he could unite more elements of the workingmen than any other man.

PRACTICAL RESULT OF A DREAM.

FINDING A WATCH THAT SHE SAW A BURGLAR STEAL IN HER SLEEP

Miss Ireve Merriman, age eighteen, lives with her aunt, frs. Carrie Berrian, the widow of Cornelius Berrian, in a ottage in Leland-avo., New-Rochelle. Mrs. Berrian is a er of ex-Recorder James M. Smith. On Thursday orning Miss Merriman reported to the police at New Rochelle that she had been robbed of a gold watch, \$27 in cash, and that the burglars had packed up a seal plush eque, a brown dress trimmed with brocade, belonging her, her aunt's brown cloth dress and a shawl, all of hich were left on the floor. After she had reported the ry she stated to Captain Conkling, the chief of ice, that she had dreamed during the night where the teh was and had gone out and found it in the fork of

watch was and had gone out and found it in the fork of an old apple tree. She said she did not dream where the money was and did not find it. Captain Conkling did not lake any stock in the story and did not make any effort to investigate affair the.

Yesterday a reporter visited the cottage. Miss Merriman said that at 12:30 a. m. she was disturbed by the rattling of a newspaper in her room, but she fell asleep and dreamed that the house was being robbed. She remembered in her dream that the robber was a good-looking, medium-sized, fair-haired boy with a blond mustache, splendid figure and acted in the most gentle manner. She dreamed that he took a long stick, poked under the lureau where the money and watch were kept, pushed them out and hugged them to his breast. Then she dreamed that he went down stairs and packed up the articles. She then had another scene in her dream where the saw the burgiar hide the watch in the apple tree. Then she says she woke up and went to her aunt's room and said:

"Aunt, the house is being robbed.

Then she says she woke up and went to her auut's room and said:

"Aunt, the house is being robbed; come down with me." The aunt, she said, was timid, but she went alone, where she said she found everything as she saw it in her dream. Then she called up her nearest neighbor, George Schirmer, by firing off a revolver and he came in and saw the condition of things as she describes them. She then went out and found the watch in the tree. The money was not found. She did not dream where it was.

This is the third time that burglars have been reported in this house. The last time was in August. It was then reported that the girl had been chloroformed and the bouse robbed of \$40. Two weeks lator the girl heard burglars again and went to the window and fired off a revolution, which so frightened them that they did not come in the house, There were no evidences of a forcible entry into the house systerday. There was a paus of glass out in a window in the kitchen. This had been out some time. His Merriman explains that the burglar put his hand through the broken pane and removed the fastening.

THE SIX DAYS BICYCLE RACE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to The Evening Journal from Minneapolis, Minn., says: "The six days' bicycle race, twenty-four hours a day, now being ridden in this city, is showing some remarkable work. Up to ten o'clock this morning (the one-hundred-and-sixth hour), W. J. Morgan had scored 1,049 miles and six laps; Albert ek 1,049 miles, and Mile. Louis Armaindo 916 miles

and five laps."

At 2:45 p. m. Morgan was taken violently sick and was forced to leave the track. His trainer at once took him in hand and it was expected that he could return in a few minutes. He had acored 1,102 miles when taken sick. It was 2:25 when he again mounted the wheel, and in the mean time Schock had gained a lead of over eight miles.

WAR ON A TELEPHONE COMPANY.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 24.—In the Circuit Court here caferday suits by Councilmen Groves, Brentano, Feay, phaus, Kiehls, Geddes, Branley and Weinberg, and Fire ien, aggregating \$90,000, were flied against the and Telephone Company for damages for false nberiand Telephone Company for damages for false risonment. The suits grew out of the old quarbotween the City Council and the telephone company, company refused, it is alleged, to comply with the sof the State and the city, and the Council revoked its tof way in the streets and alleys and cut the poles wires. The above-named officials were arrested at instance of the company, charged with malicious tropy, and now the Council comes back at the company for old damages for false imprisonment. The Sheriff svening attached all the telephone property in the

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

MANY PLANS FOR THE HAPPY HOLIDAY. SERVICES AND DECORATIONS IN CHURCHES-OTHER

FEATURES OF THE DAY. The old-fashioned Caristmas Day, with its snow and ice, its blazing hearth-fires and tinkling sleigh-bells, seems to have faded completely from the calendar, and a vast amount of untimely poetry and many pretty outs n the illustrated papers have thereby been spoiled. Nothing could be more unlike the sparkle and exhibitantion of traditional Christmas weather than the murky nasituess of yesterday's thaw. The sun broke now and then through the clouds which hung over the muddy, steaming city, but could not scatter them for good, and Christmas Eve stole in, wet and foggy, with the mercury at 40° and not even the suggestion of a snow-flake in the dirty clush upon the streets and sidewalks, or of an icleic in the dripping peut-roofs and leaky water pipes. Nor could the Signal Service men offer much better seather for to-day. Rain and stationary temperature were set down for this morning, with clammy southern winds at first, changing afterward to colder northwesterly ones. There is a chauce that the sky may clear this evening and Sunday come in-just too late, as usual-cold and

fair. The wretched weather yesterday had a noticeable effect on the crowns of shoppers and sight-seers that have blocked Fourteenth, Iwenty third and Grand sts. for the last two weeks. The out-of-town contingent made its last purchases on Thursday, and only the laggards near at hand, who put off everything to the last moment, because it is within such easy reach, were to be seen, rushing frantically from store to store and street to street. Fourteenth st. neur_Masy's, where the pretty moving panorama in the big windows and the Jam and crush of sightseers never tail to draw whatever comes into the whiri, was the same sea of bobbing heads and squirming bodies. Twenty third-st, and Broadway were black, of course, with an afternoon crowd of shoppers and promenaders, and Grand-st. was filled with a procession of spiashed and muddy, but eager and happylooking, men and women. But everywhere the crowds were a trifle thioner than on Taursday. The street-cars and the elevated trains had fewer pa sengers. Many fashionable people had left town aiready, and there was a well-define? movement out of the city yesterday, not only of people in society but of clerks and unmarried men generally, running into the country to spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

Elaborate preparations for this morning's services

have been made by many of the churches. All the Roman Catholic churches will be ofen and Christmas mass will be said as usual. In the Protestant Episcopal Many of the other Protestant churches will hold special services. Great pains are taken each year by most of the churches to have specially pleasing and appropriate masic. The following churches have announced special masical programmes for this morning: Old Trinity, Grace Church, St. George's, St. Ann's, St. Mark's, Epiphany, Christ Church, the Church of the Heavenly Rest, St. Bartholome N's, Calvary, the Church of the Incarnation, St. Thomas's, St. Ignatius's, the Courch of the Transfiguration, Zion Church, St. Loo's, the Church of the Sacred Heart, the Church of the Holy Innocents, the Courch of the Scioved Disciple, St. Clement's, the Caurch of the Holy Trinity, the Church of the Holy Sepulcire, the Church of the Holy Faith. Grace Free Church, St. James's, St. Michael's, the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Michael's (Protestant Episcopal), St. Michael's (Roman Catholic), the South Church, Twenty-first-st. and Pifth-ave., and the West Prosby-

terian Church.

The Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix will preach in Trinity Church at 11 a.m., and the Rev. Dr. Huntington in Grace Church. Some account of the decorations in these two churches has already been given. Following are the decorations in a few other of the more prominent churches: The Church of the Heavenly Rest has the windows, doors and the pictures that hang against the walls trimmed with laurel. At the back of the chancel is a large Star of Bethiebem, of white flowers. The pulpit, lecternized fout are trained with plue and holly. The organ is wreathed with inurel and the outer doors with fir. St. Bartholomew's, at Malison-ave. and Portyfourth-st., is profusely decked with green. The organ loft, to begin with, is draped in Lurel with a star of gasjets in the middle. The gas pillars are trimmed with long-needled Georgia pine. On the walls are cape-flower wreaths and about the railings strings and crosses of autumn leaves. The pulpit is trimmed with holly and the wall back of the chancel hung with laurel. In the chancel itself are juniper and bay trees and Georgia pines, niteen feet high. The communion table is hidden by a bank of flowers. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Cooke will bank of flowers. The Rev. Dr. Saunel Cooke will preach at 11 a. m. Among the singers will be Franz itemmertz, Theodore Tocat and Miss Ella Earl.

The West Presbyterian Church is strikingly triumed. The laurel festoons along the galiery railing have been caught up with broad oli-gold ribbons, and the laurel trimmings run thence about the two pillare on each side of the pulpit. The pulpit and ruling are covered with noily, and the enoir piatform behind is a mass of evergreens. Over the top is a roof of pines with a Cristmas tree on each end. On either side of the platform stands a tall Georgia pine fanked by Florida palms and juniper trees. The Rev. Dr. John K. Paxton will preach at 11 a. m.

st, the hairel is run into a number of preity Gothic arches. Little attenue at display has been made in any of the Roman Catholic charcies.

To-day will be a red-letter one in all the city prisons, asylums and hospit. Is. The Board of Cuarties and Correction has ordered 13,050 pounds of cheeken, 3,550 pounds of turkey, 20 barrels of port, 40 barrels of ordina, 50 of potatoes and 10 of cranberries for Carlstmae dinners. There are 14,500 people in the Board's charge and they will have more than sixteen ounces of turkey or checken aplece. One bundred pounds of canay have been sent up to the endidren on Randall's Island and many boxes of toys. The Toombs, of course, and all the public hospitals, like Believue and Chambers Street, will come in for a share.

The Chidren's Aus Society gave nine dinners and Curistimas celebrations yesterday, and has arranged for six more to-day. About 1,000 boys and aris will be fed and entermined at the lodging houses, No. 287 East Broadway, No. 9 Duancest, No. 400 Seventh-ave., and No. 314 East Thirty-früh-st. The Howard Mission, in the New-Bowery; the Wilson Industrial School, Eighth-at, and Arende A; the Honse for the Friendless, No. 32 East Thirtieth-st; the Protestant Haif-Orphan Asylum, No. 71 West Thirteenth-st; and many other private charitable institutions will also have more or less extensive Christmas celebrations.

Butlaio Bill, it may be added, in passing, will give his Indian chiefs a dox roast at the Madisou square Gardon, and the Manhattan Athletic Clue will have a Christmas inglit reception at the out-house, No. 524 Fifth-ave.

The Carisumas festival of the parisu and mission schools of the church at Madison-ave, and Thiry-fifth-st. A Christmas festival for the parisus and mission schools of the church at Madison-ave, and Thiry-fifth-st. A Christmas festival of the parisus and mission schools of the church at Madison-ave, and Thiry-fifth-st. A Christmas free thirty feet high loaded with good things and brillondy is thee will with wax candles stood on the chancel steps

Brooks, pastor of the church, sho is now in nome. A fifting refly was cabled back to Mr. Brooks. At the close of the services presents were distributed to the children.

From 35,000 to 40,000 messages of kindness will be found this mo ning on breaktast-fates in different institutions, on nospital pillows, or will be taken to persons elses here by nine readers or by other means. The distribution is about the same in amount as last year, while in singland the work of the Christmas Letter Mission has so increased that 200,000 letters are sent. A general organization of the work first known as the Hospital Pillow Mission, is due to Miss E. Steele Etilott, of London. The measurers for this country are James Pott & Ca., No. 14 and 16 Astor-place. The central secretary and treasurer for the United States is Miss H. M. Coxe, Newtown, Queens County, N. Y. A central fund is minitatined to meet expenses of printing, postage, etc., the amount spent for letters has year having been about \$1,350. The distribution extends to all parts of the United States including Indias Territory. By the aid of the Canadian secretary about 150 Chinese letters are given out in Canada and Manitoba. Many are printed in French, Datch, Italian, Spanish, German and swellsh. All are classified in four principal divisions represented by numbers—No. 1 for general use; No. 2, for adult sick; No. 3, for endings; No. 4, for the aged. In each class are several varieties, each of which is placed in an envelope of special that as guide for discribution. Persons in five adioining beds receiving green, manye, jink, straw and white suvelopes, respectively, have all different letters, providing a plasant interchance among them is the reading. The letters have been rewritten this year from the English prototype to exclude references to the Queen, and to malters not special on a newfath of the street interchance was provided and plantage. The Charity Organization Society acknowledges the receiped of \$5 from an anonymous source "to make some poor children happy

chance.

A thousand and more Christmas disners were distrib-nted yesterds, to the widows of soldiers and sailors from the rooms of the Grant Army Employment Bureau in the City Hali basement.

MATINEES AT ALL THE THEATRES.

As usual all the theatres will give matinee performances this afternoon, though as it is a Saturday the only special tribute to Christmas festivity will consist in the decoration of the theatres with Christmas greens. All the theatres, however, are sure of good audiences not only in the afternoon but the evening also. Beginning uptown the Casino will re-echo with the lively airs of "Erminie," which is drawing as large audiences as ever. Lower down Mr. Harrigan as Jucagan will be greeted with the usual holiday pleasantries by his many friends, while below him at the Standard Miss Vokes in "The School

mistress" will secure as much laughter by comedy of a different degree. Wallack's with "Moths" and the Bijon with "Turned Up" will probably draw on opposite sides of the street large and enhusiastic audiences. "Tangled Lives," at the Fifth Avenue, has done so well during the week that it is bound to have good houses to-day, and at Dockstader's it will probably be difficult to secure even standing-room after the curtain risea.

Mr. Daly has already nearly sold out all his house for both afternoon and evening, so popular is "Love in Harness," and Mr. Falmer at the Madison Square will hardly note the difference made by the holiday times, so consistently has "Jim the Penman" kept his house overflowing. Across the square Miss Dauvray, at the Lyceum, will undoubtedly be faced by a packed house when she enters as susmane in "A Scrap of Paper." Lower down town still Mr. Curtis will play his last performances at the Fourteenth Street Theatre, while over on the West Skin the Grand Opera House will probably be Janmed with Oliver Byron's admirers. Niblo's, it is needless to say, will be filled by those drawn by Mrs. Laustry's attractive powers as Pauline in the "Lady of Lyons."

Lyons,"
Musical people will, of course, flock to the Metropolitan
Opera House, where "The Queen of Shebn" will be given
in the atternoon. Those who eare for neither play nor
opera may go to the Teocalli, formerly the Regent, to see
the Aztec Fair, or else go to Madison Square Garden,
where Buffillo Bill gives his "Wild West Drama of Civilization."

"cheap-john" man burns his malodorus torch on every curbstone and fhrows his steck before the passers-by with the ardor and importunity of a Salvation Army captain gunning for the unconverted. Then the solid German citizen and his hard-working "frau" don their Sunday suits and make their Christmas purchases, while all about them a swarm of excited small boys, blowing tin horns and beating drums, dressed out in old masks and clown-like motley, make a mimic carmival with their shouts and pelting and noisy horse-play.

And things were just reaching this interesting pitch lost. And things were just reaching this interesting pitch list night, when the rain that had been holding off so long, came down in torrents and the street festivities had to be A few people, of course, were reckless enough to wade

along the sidewalk under the fancied shelter of an umalong the sidewalk under the fancied shelter of an um-brella. Purchases that were put off until the last moment had to be made and carried home dripping. But the bulk of the promenaders beat a hosty retreat to their homes or to some friendly shop nearby, and the "cheap-johns" snuffed their lamps in disgust and anything but Christmas Evo language. The beer-shops got a tremendous patronage, but the marketmen were fisconsolate, and as the rain kept on and on, their superfluous gas-jets puffed out one by one, and only the du glare of the street lamps was left to light the stray su boys home with their drooping plumes and bedrage

glare of the street lamps was left to light the stray small boys home with their drooping plumes and bedraggled costumes.

The rain began a little before 8 o'clock and did not slacken until nearly 10. The stores uptown in Fourteenth and Twenty-third sis, were open that long, but few shoppers went in except where candles and fruits were on sale. Cabs were in great demand in upper Broadway and the elevated cars locked a trifle more crowded than usual. There were no other skins abroad, however, of an approaching holiday, much less the Jolly sights and seunds, the gayety and cheer and outdoor brilliancy which are supposed to mark this merry whater festival.

The liveliest spot down town last night was Washington Mrrket. In the market building itself rows of turkeys and greese, picked and unpicked, still hung, and buyers were chaffering with the tired marketmen in noisy tones through all the narrow passage-ways. Outside under the long line of pent-roofs that siretches up Vesey-st. toward Broadway, all sorts of wares, groce-les, poultry, teas, butter and the rest, were on sale and in the middle of the street pine and fir and laured were piled high in confusion. Safe from the rain the noise and bustle were kept up all the evening, till at last the supply of scrawny turkeys seemed threatened with exhaustion.

Lower Broadway was no quieter, perhaps, than on any evening after 10 o'clock, and the Fourth and Sixth Wards were no livelier. What bilarity there was went on behind the doors of the beer-shops or in the houses. The rain fell only in infrequent showers toward miduight, but if Santa Claus made his annual tour he must have discarded his furs and taken to a mackintosk coat and a big family umbrella.

MAKING POOR CHILDREN HAPPY. CHRISTMAS TREES AND GIFTS FOR THEM-JUSTICE

The children of the Bethlehem Day Nursery, No. 248 East Thirty-first-st., held their Christmas exercises yesterday afternoon. There were fifty two of the children from two or three years to nine years old. After they had eaten a hearty dinner they were assembled in the chapel, where were two large Christmas trees illuminated with candies and loaded down with toys. Each of the children received a package of toys, some article of clothing, while a large bag containing coffee, tea and other groceries was given to their mothers. Mrs. Sadler, the matron, distributed the gifts with the aid of Mrs. J. T. Low, Mrs. W. L. Strong, Mrs. Frederick Townsend, Mrs. John Hall, and Miss Norrie.

One hundred children of the kindergarten school of All

Souls Protestant Episcopal Church,in West Forty-seventh-st., assembled in the basement of the church yesterday st., assembled in the basement of the church yesterday afternoon. They formed a ring in the room by clasping hands and received st. Nicholas with songs. All of the children received gifts that were distributed by Miss Mary L. Van Wasrenen. Miss Roma, Miss Froescher, Miss Lambert and Miss Faulkner.

The House of Refuge, on Randall's Island, devoted most of the day to preparations for the Christmas exercises. In the evening the boys had their Christmas tree and every one was remembered with a gift. A number of people from the city were present, and the little steamer Refuge ran from Harlem Eridge at 5:30 o'clock for their accommodation.

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The Christmas festival of the Italian day-school under the charge of the Chidren's Aid Society, Nos. 158 and 160 Leonard-st., was held yesterday aftermen. The school was filled with the pupils. Superintendent A. E. Cergua and Miss Anna Van Rhya, the principal, distributed presents to the scholars.

The scenes that occurred hast night at the rooms of the Steckler Association at No.83 East Fourth-st., at the nanual distribution of turkeys, ducks and chickens by Justice Alfred Steckler to the worthy poor of his district, will iong be remembered. For five years Justice Streckler has given Christmas dinners to the poor people of the East Side. For a week pastors of all the churches in the district have been giving the Justice the names of their needy parishioners, who were supplied with tickets which entitled them to the necessaries for a good dinner. In this way hundreds of poor families were remembered. Last night Justice Steckler, assisted by his brothers Charles and Louis and Julius Harbinger, distributed hundreds of turkeys and chickens to these families. The crowd was so great that Sergeant Weising, of the Seventeenth Precinct, was required to take command with a squad of his men. For hours, a long line of people presented themselves to the Justice and after receiving their gifts left the place with profuse expressions of thanks. There was no end to the stream of people until a late hour at night.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE WORTHY POOR. CLEVELAND, Dec. 24.-Some time ago The Leader the city. Contributious poured in and this morning the fund amounted to \$3,600. At 9 o'clock the distribution began. There were 2,600 baskets, and each basket con tained a large turkey, a peck of potatoes, a half-pound of butter, a two-pound loaf of bread, a haif dozen onions and three or four oranges. A Christmas card was tied to every basket, with directions in English, German and Bohemian for cooking a Christmas dinner. The crowd was large and the distribution was the greatest thing of the kind in the history of the city.

MONEY FOR THE HOSPITALS.

RETURNS BEGINNING TO COME IN-SOME OF THE SUBSCR BERS.

The hospital collection returns are beginning to come in upon the treasurer, Charles Lanier, No. 26 Nassau-st., at a goodly rate, and in view of the fact that the following sums have been sent in prior to Hospital Saturday and Sunday, the outlook is most encouraging. THE LADIES' FUND,

Mrs. G. L. Williams ... \$100 Miss Ella Hays ... Mrs. S. S. Rose ... 190 Mary V. Yanaga ... Ellen S. James ... 550 Mrs. M. H. Sabenck ... 251 FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS. Alfred Benjamin & Co. and employes....... August, Bernheim & Bauer and employes... August, Bergheim C. A. Davenpert.
Ottenheimer Brothers...
Benjamin P. Davis.... Kirby & Halstead J. Resnower & Co. and employes Employes of Canadian Bank of Commerce J. L. Hutchings French & Co. and employes ins Saul aployed of Steele & Johnson M'fg Co. J. P. Bennett and employees.
F. A. O. Schwartz.
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The Brusswick Balke-Collender Co.
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> \$10 | Empire City. KESHER SHEL BARZEL LODGES.

NATIONAL CAPITAL TOPICS.

MATTHEWS'S HOLD ON THE PRESIDENT. HIS PART IN SWINEBURNE'S DEFEAT-A SCHEME TO

CAPTURE APPROPRIATIONS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (Special) .- Any statement of the election contests in the next House must be incomplete which omits a'reference to the XIXth New-York District. in which Dr. Swinburne's Democratic compellior ob-tained an apparent majority by means which will not bear the test of a fair Congressional investigation. It is not whally improbable that some facts bearing on the contest in the Albany District may be brought out in the discussion over the nomination of James C. Mattnews to be Rec rder of Deeds, which is again pending in the enate. It is said that evidence can be produced to show that Matthews went to Albany well provided with money to work for Swinburne's defeat, and that he used his efforts and money "where they would do the most good "-that is, among certain men of his own color.

It may seem strange that Mr. Cleveland, in the face of SANFA CLAUS COMES IN A RAIN STORM.

OUT DOOR FESTIVITIES DECIDEDLY DAMPENED ALL
OVER THE CITY.

Christmas Eve on the East Side of New-York and in
strips like Seventh-ave, on the West Side, is usually the
gals night of the year. Then the beer shops that dot the
streets everywhere are dressed out in the greenest of
bushes, pine and laurel strung along their fronts and fresh
clean sawdust sprinkled on the floor. Then the butchers
and the bakers ture on to the full the last available gasjet, flooding their stalls with gayety and light. The
"cheap-john" man burns his malodorus torch on every
curbstone and throws his stock before the passers-by
with the ardor and importunity of a Salvation Army captals.

"permicious activity" of this sort under his very nose,
should have invited a controversy with the Senate by
sending Matthews's name in acadin, and should have
taken the trought to write a special message. Man who
have known Marthews's or years intimate; the existence of
a strong mo ive which impels both Mr. Cleveland and
Secretary Manulag to stand by him. As for Mr.
Matthews's efficiency, there is a curious story affoat,
which appears to rest on statements that he has made to
some of his friends. Some of the records in his office are
in a dilapidated condition. Since Matthews assumed
the office he has bought new hooks and employed copylists and expressed a determination to have the decayed
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more sun, who has investigated the matter from the records of the office, says:

It has already been stated that on the 20th of November last, an exceptional day, 110 deeds were admitted to record, and the suggestion was made that the fees of the office that day were more than 2004. A review of the whole month of November will glow an average of recipis far greater than is usually supposed. The least unmber of deeds witnitted on any day during the month was thirty-five—on the 10th. The greatest was 110, as noted above. The whole number of deeds admitted to record during the month was 1.461. The average see for the record of deeds will exceed \$1.50 each, but placing the fee at that rate, the income from deeds alone was \$1.991 or the one month. But the Recorder receives also fees for recording incorporations and making certified copies of deeds, etc., as that the grees income of the office must be largely-over \$2.000 per month, if the month of November is to be taken as an average. Out of this, of course, copyists, etc., have to be paid. Doubtless Congress will consider whether the fees of the office are too great.

The assertion that Recorder Matthews is more efficient than Frederick Douglass, his predecessor, is unsupported by any evidence which has been thus far presented.

DORSEY CLAGETT'S "LUCK." WILL IT FAIL HIM BEFORE THE SENATE !- INCI-

DENTS OF HIS CAREER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (Special).—Although the nomination of Dorsey Clarett to be Register of Wills for the District of Columbia was favorably reported by the Sen ate District Committee on Monday, it was laid over until after the holiday recess, and it seems probable that some strong objection to his confirmation may be urged. He is a pet of the District Ring, and readers of THE TRIBUNE may remember that he is the same man who sprang so suddenly from a condition of comparative penury to one of apparent influence, as to be able to buy a suburban

the celebrated "Inauguration Committee" of March 4, 1885. It is said that among the contributions sent to the committee was \$1,000 from the Londsiana Lettery Company, and that after prayerful and deliberate consideration the committee decided that it could not receive money from so unholy a source, and ordered it to be returned to the giver. As the story goes, the lottery company refused to receive the money, and nobody seems to know what became of it. Probably if the Pan Electric Company had offered to contribute, its contribution would have been accepted and used.

Soon after Dorsey Clagett became the reputed owner of 10s acres of unimproved land near "Red Top," the District Commissioners suddenly discovered the necessity of a new iron bridge across Rock Creek, and of a new road, splitting the purchase lengthwise into two nearly equal parts. This discovery will cost the taxpayers shout \$12,000 for a road and bridge which will be of no use to them, but all the same it was a lucky discovery for Dorsey Clagett and his associates, whoever they may be.

IMMIGRATION FOR THE LAST ELEVEN MONTHS. Statistics reports that the total number of immigrants arrived at the ports of the Unitee States from the principal oreign countries, except from the Dominion of Canada and Mexico, during the month ended November 30, 1886, and the eleven months ended on the same day, as compared with the same periods of the preceding year, was as

Countries.	Month of November, 1886,	Month of November 1885.	Eleven months end Nov. 30, 1886.	Eleven months end Nov. 80, 1885.
Great Britain, Ireland, England and Wales Ireland. Scotland. Germany France. Austria. Bohemis and Hongary. Russia, Finland and Poland Swedon and Norway. Denmark Netter ands. Haly Switzerland. All other countries.	4,826 2,656 1,129 7,488 3,661 1,655 2,348 9,982 2,348 124 3,486 265 570	3,440 2,048 7,52 6,287 301 713 959 1,834 1,636 305 91 1,157 312 235	55,888 51,461 13,215 80,633 3,780 16,494 21,324 30,197 44,004 6,369 2,560 27,631 4,339 7,678	43,301 48,300 9,530 102,837 2,900 10,238 14,059 19,195 30,914 5,661 2,436 14,527 4,884 4,863
Totals	31,629	20,070	365,577	314,645

NATIONAL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- The Chief of the Bureau o Statistics in his fifth monthly statement for the current fiscal year of the imports and exports of the United States, reports that the total values of the exports of merchandise from the United States during the five. eleven and twelve months ended November 30, 1886, as compared with similar exports during the corresponding periods of the proceding year were as follows:

702,190,541

ARMY AND NAVY INTELLIGENCE. Washington, Dec. 24.—Commander A. S. Crowninshield has been ordered to command the St. Mary's schoolship at

Colonel George H. Mendail, Corps of Engineers, has been ordered from Sau Francisco to San Diego on public business. The leave of absence of Captain Henry P. Per-rine, 6th Cavalry, has been extended two months.

WASHINGTON NOTES. Washington, Friday, Dec. 24, 1886. Cramp & Sons' Bond.—Messrs. Drexel & Thomas, of

Philadelphia, have justified in the sum of \$1,000,000 each as surelies on the bond of Cramp & Sons on their contract for the construction of the new cruisers.

A BREAK IN THE ATLANTA'S BOILERS.—The Secretary of

the Navy has been informed that a break has occurred in the flange in the back tube sheet of furnace No. 10 of the boilers of the Atlanta. Orders have been issued for the necessary repairs. DRAWBACK.—Acting Secretary Fairchild has instructed the Collector of Customs at New-York to allow drawback at the rate of 29 5-10 cents per gallon and 13 cents per 100 pounds of pomace on expertations of castor oil and caster pomace manufactured from imported castor boans.

MRS. QUIMBY TAKEN TO BLOOMINGDALE. Mrs. Eliza Quimby, of No. 185 Penn-st., Brooklyn,

who was arrested on Thursday night while trying to enter the Stewart mansion, spent yesterday in Bellevue Hospital, and at a late hour in the evening was taken by her son-in-law to the Bloomingdale Asylum. taken by her son-in-law to the Bloomingdale Asylum. She is a woman of respectable connections and is suftering from hysterical mania, and according to Dr. Wildman, of Believus Hospital, has been subject to this disease for some time. She registered at the Gilsey House on Wednesday, giving her full name and address. She was well dressed and wore diamond earrings. The clerk saw nothing anusual in her conduct, our noticed that she appeared to be well supplied with money and had no baggage.

On Thursday night Officer Perkins saw her trying to get into the Stewart mansion and asked her winst she wanted. She replied that the house was a Jewish temple and belonged to her father. He sent her away thinking that she was only slightly insane, but half an bound to live in the house as she had been bern for

that privilege. Then he took her to the station in Thirtieth-st. There she said that she was the "Rose of Sharon" and was "bound for mansions above." She mentioned the name of Dr. Hamilton, the insane expert, and she wrote him a curious letter. Word was sent to her son-in-law, who lives at her home, and who registered as David Headman at the hospital. He took her to Bellevue Hospital, where she shouted, "Ain't I lovely I I am the Rose of Sharon." But she was not violent, and those most disturbed were the other insane patients. other insane patients.

THE COURTS.

HULDA COHEN'S COURTSHIP. VALUABLES WHICH HER BETROTHED GAVE HER-

HER UNCLE IN TROUBLE. Hulda Cohen, a Jewess, age twenty-three, and fair to look upon, sat in the Superior court-room where Justice Ingraham presided, yesterday, and listened to the recital of the circumstances of her courtship by Isaac Jacobs, age sixty, who has had her uncle, Herman Rogozinski, arrested on a charge of converting to his own use certain diamond rings, gold and silver watches, bracelets, slik dresses and other trifles which she says the old man gave her after she had consented to become his bride. Rogozinski is in the Ludlow Street Jail, having been placed there in default of \$5,000 bail at the suit of Jacobs, who claims from him the return of the property in question or the value thereof, which is placed at \$6,480.

The defendant's counsel, Justice Alfred Steckler, in moving that his client be released or his bail reduced, pre-

sented affidavits in which the story of the wooing was fully

set forth. set forth.

Rogozinski deposed that the property was in the possession of his niece, and that he had nothing to do with it. A man named Teller told him about three months ago that he knew a man who would make a good husband for his niece, and afterward introduced Jacobs as the per son referred to. The latter said he would marry the girl. He had a wife and children, but he had obtained a divorce and was going to Georgia on business. After his return he would marry Hulda, and meantime he would give her some valuable presents. Jacobs gave her the articles and went to Georgia. After he had departed the deponent learned that he had not been divorced and wrote to him about it. The plaintiff wrote in reply that he had obtained his divorce and had paid a Jewish rabbi \$35 for it. Hulda Coben corroborated this story, swearing that Jacobs had told her that he "wanted to marry some young girl whom he could make happy." She accepted him and also his jewelry and other things. Afterward she learned that he was already married.

The plaintiff's story, as related by his counsel. Philip Gratz, Jr., was that he had a dispute with his wife and decided to leave her for a while and asked the defendant to take charge of the property in dispute and send it to him afte he had reached Macon. The property was not sent to him and when he returned and demanded it the defendant refused to return it. Justice lugraham reduced Rogozinski's ball to \$1.000 on condition that Hulda should place the jewelry, etc., in the hands of the clerk of the court, Mr. Boese, to be held by him pending the suit. This she smillingly consented to do. The bail was furnished and the prisoner was released. that he knew a man who would make a good husband

MR. JARVIS AND THE PARSEE'S ESTATE. ARGUMENTS ON THE MOTION FOR A STAY OF PRO-CEEDINGS.

Argument on the motion for a stay of proceedings without giving security rending appeal on the judgment for \$76,075 89 entered against Nathaniel Jarvis, Ir., committee of the estate of Bomanjee Byramjee Colah, the walker and Prescott Hall Butter opposed it. Mr. Choate taised an objection to the proceedings on the ground of a defect in the papers, which was overruled. Mr. Cotterill read an affidavit setting forth that Mr. Jarvis was an officer of the Court of Common Pleas, which, he claimed, alone had jurisdiction in the case, and denying that he had refused an accounting. Mr. Butter presented an affidavit in which be stated that Mr. Jarvis hid endeavored to hinder and delay the proceedings to compal min to account for the \$104.069 94 of the Parsec merchant's property which had originally come into his hands, and that the accounting, when rendered, was unsatisfactory. He averred that Mr. Jarvis had disposed of his house in the city and his house at Far Rockaway, placing them to this city. No such person as George Vanderburk, the "dying lover," was known in Milford.

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"She is all right," said he. "I got a letter from the judy to-day. She left this city.

Pauline and Alfred Ja quin were arrested in July, 1885, charged with swindling certain diamond merchants in this one before and had opened a store at No. 253 Fifth-ave., under agents for merchants with whom they managed to establish a fair credit on "memorandum" transactions. They were not authorized under the ruise of the trade to deliver the articles until they had reported the sale to the principal and obtained his sanction. The swindle for which they were convicted consisted in obtaining valuables which they were convicted to New Jersey, where they were afterward arrosted. The following importers and d-alers in precious stones had been robbed by them in this way: Ludeke & Co., La Reitroen & Co., Maurice Well, A. J. Grinberg, H. H. Pelix, J. W. Brower, S. Brunswick & Co., L. Adler & Co., and Heilbrown & Blank, It was ascertained that R. Simpson & Co., Simpson & Green and Hearty MacAleenan had made advances to the Jacquins on the stolen Jewels. The pawn-tickets were all recovered. Suits were begun by the swindled merchants to recover their property from the pawnbroker MacAleenan, was brought to trial before Justice Donohue and a Jury in the Supreme Court and was a test case. The plaintiffs sought to recover a pair of unset brilliants, valued at \$1,000, on which it was alleged that Jacquin & Co. had obtained a loan of \$50. The testimony showed that by the agreement between the plaintiffs and the Jacquins the latter were to have a commission of \$50 for disposing of the jewels. The Jury yesterday renders a vertice roughts to COLETE.

UNDERGROUND WIRES IN COURT.

The New-York Underground Telegraph Company's Counsel, John R. Dos Passos, appeared before Judge Van Hoese n, in the Court of Common Pleas, Special Term, yesterday, in obedience to an order requiring the company show cause why it should not be restrained from place ing under ground any electrical conductor or conduit for ach conductor without first filing with the Commission ers of Electrical Subways maps and plans showing what is proposed to be done and obtaining the approval of the Commissioners. The lawyer argued that the injunction should not be granted, maintaining that the laws under which the Commission elaimed to act gave it no authority to supervise the placing under ground of any wires except those that had already been strung above the surface and that his client, therefore, was not required to cet its permission. The company had a special franchise, with whose terms it had fully compiled, and the Commission had no right to meddle with it.

Charles A. Hess, representing the Commission, said that the latter had adopted a general plan, and that every consideration of law and public convenience required that the company should conform to it. Under the law as already interpreted by Judge Allen, the company was required to do so.

The decision was reserved and counsel were given one week within which to present affidavits. ers of Electrical Subways maps and plans showing

TOO MUCH MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Isaac Abrams has been confined in the Ludlow Street Jati since December 13 in default of \$500 ball, which he was required to furnish on an order of arrest issued by Justice quired to furnish on an order of arrest issued by Justice Truax of the superior Court at the suit of Hannah Abrams, who seeks a limited divorce on the ground of cruelty. They were married on August 24 by an Allerman and afterward by a Jewish rabbi. The wife charges that he has treated her cruelty, that he has struck her on several occasions and threatened to kill her, and that he told her he was about to leave her and go to Europe. An affidavit was presented to Justice ingraham yestocrday, in affidavit was presented to revise for his wife. He adds that the touble in the case is too much mother-in-law and that before he was arrested he was beaten by the father and brothers of the plantif and so injured that if he remains in jail it will kill him. The Judge ordered his release.

MODESTY OF OHIO LIQUOR DEALERS. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 24 (Special).—The liquor dealers of Logan have sent Governor Foraker a petition which for insolence excels anything yet reported. They request the Governor to recommend the presentation of an engraved certificate to each liquor dealer who pays the tax. the engraving to consist of the "rump Senate, the three judges who perjured themselves and the Democratic Sen-ators who ran away." This is asked as an ornament to every liquor store and an honor to the State. This document sacreligiously concludes: "Do this we pray and ment sacreligiously concludes: "Do this we pray and there shall be the glory for ever and ever." This is a sample of rum resentment toward the payment of the Dow tax. To-day the wholesale dealers have arranged to test the law in the United States Courts. The cases will be brought by Kentucky whiskey dealers, who will claim that the State has no right to tax the products of a sister state. The more sensible dealers are paying the tax and many insist that it should be increased from \$200 to \$500. This would mean total prohibition to several thousand states.

A MURDERER'S CHRISTMAS GIFT. WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 24 (Special).—John Croney, who was convicted of manslaughter in March, 1883, for

shooting and killing "Dan" Maguire on election night, November 7, 1882, was pardoned this evening by Governor Stockley. Croney's sentence was for five years. He shot Maguire in a political quarrel, he being a Republican and Maguire a Demograt.

THE CASES OF SHARP AND THE ALDERMEN. There was no argument yesterday on Jacob Sharp's motion for a change of venue, as Mr. Martine had requested an adjournment. Mr Martine and several of his assistants left the office at an early hour. The investigation into the meetings of the "combine" is not completed, and it is said that other servant girls in the neighborhood of Mr. McLoughlin's house will corroborate Katie Metz in some particulars. THE FIRE RECORD

CAR WORKS DESTROYED WITH HEAVY LOSS. HARRISHURG, Penn., Dec. 24.—The car works of Schall & King at Middletown were almost wholly destroyed by fire this morning, causing a loss of \$150,000. The fire originated in the boiler room at 2:30 o'clock. The are penter, construction, mechine, pattern and blacksmith shops and the planing mills were destroyed. The foundry shops and the planing mills were destroyed. The foundry and office and a few sheds were saved. Over \$35,000 worth of seasoned lumber and finished iron was consumed. An order from the Pennsylvania Railroad for 200 cars was about completed, and another order for the same number had been received. Nine cars were burned. It is likely that the works will at once be rebuilt. About 155 men are thrown out of employment. An insurance of \$40,000 was carried, part of which was on the saved buildings.

AVY LOSS IN LONG ISLAND CITY. The fire that broke out in the shellac room of Meyer & Lowestein's varnish works, in Flushing st., Long Island City, late on Thursday night, burned flercely until 5 a.m. City, late on Thursday night, burned flercely until 5 a. m. yesterday, destroying the store and warerooms, incliding a large two-story brick structure neasuring 59x130, which contained thousands of gallons of fine varnish. The Volunteer Fire Department prevented the flames from reaching other parts of the works and the adjoining lumber yards. At one time the fire threatened the planing mill of John Lawrence, directly opposite. D. S. Jones's coal and lumber yard also had a narrow escape. The cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. Meyer estimated his loss at \$80,000, which is partially covered by insurance. Messrs, Meyer & Lowestein, whose office is at No. 80 Beekman-st., New-York, experienced a similar loss in 1872, when the whole works were destroyed.

SLIGHT FLAMES AT THE LOTOS CLUB HOUSE. The home of the Lotos Club has been threatened by flames several times in sixteen years, but none of the fires caused much damage. A fire in the club-house early yesterday was caused by an electric light wire which ran between the floor of the parlor and the celling of the bill-lard-room. It was discovered prouptly and the firemen were called before much of the woodwork was in flames. After cutting the wire the firemen were able to extinguish the fire without using much water. The damage did not exceed \$500.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to The Commercial Gazette from Marietta, Ohio, says: "Daniel Strowder's house was burned yesterday, and Kent Goens, age four, perished in the flames."

Doven, N. H., Dec. 24.—The old Boston and Maine Rall-

pover, S. H., Dec. 24.—The old Boston and Maine Rail-road freight house building at Great Falls was burned this morning. It contained three stores and an office, O. C. Stevens, harness shop, loss \$1,800, insurance \$1,000; D. E. Hodsdon, hardware, loss \$2,800, insurance \$1,000; C. S. Beacham & Son, grain, loss \$2,500, insurance ance \$1,000. The loss on the building is \$1,200; no in-surance.

St. Louis, Dec. 24 .- A dispatch to The Post-Dispatch from Joplin, Mo., says: This morning Schwartz's dry-goods store and Mme. El plette's millinery store were destroyed by fire. Two frame buildings were also burned. The loss is \$30,000, insured for about half that amount."

HE WAS A CLASSMATE OF MISS HOWER.

A dispatch form Milford, N. J., published in THE TRIBUNE yetersday, stated that Dr. H. C. Hower, of Bloomsburg. Penn., was anxious about his daughter, who had been summoned by a telegram to Milford to see George Vanderburk, her dying lover. According to the telegram, the lover died and was buried, but committee of the estate of Bomanjee Byramjee Colan, the insane merchant from Bombay, was heard yesterday by presiding Justice Davis in the Supreme Court, Special Term. A. J. Vanterpeel and George W. Cotterili appeared for the motion and Joseph H. Choate, Stephen A. peared for the motion and Joseph H. Choate, Stephen A. Hall Sutier opposed it. Mr. she left Milford she had taken the train to this city.

famous spot.

Mr. Clageth has been extremely "lucky" in several respects, and therefore the President ought to take an interest in him. It was Dorsey Clagett, it is understood, who, as a member of the Columbia Democratic Club, in the campaign of 1884, conceived the brilliant idea of suspending an immense "Bloody Shirt" over Pennsylvanta-are. The exhibition nearly caused a riot, and the emission of the compaign of 1884, conceived the brilliant idea of suspending an immense "Bloody Shirt" over Pennsylvanta-are. The exhibition nearly caused a riot, and the emission of the control of the spots of the house of the wide, and the emission of the control of the spots of the house of the wide, and the emission of the control of the spots of the house of the wide, and the emission of the control of the spots of the house of the wide, and the control of the spots of the house of the wide, and the the spots of the house of the wide, and the control of the house of the wide, and the control of the columb of the total of the columb of the columb of the total of the columb of the columb

ing communication by way of advice from ex-Governor Hoadly, of Ohio:

Hondly, of Ohio:
You are a young man, and I do not think have any desire to die immediately. The appointment as Resident Minisier to Liberia is, in my judgment, equivalent to a sentence of death. It proved so with Mr. Hopkins, the late Minister. Mr. Peter H. Clark, of this city (Cincinnati), refused to take the office when he might have had it but for this reason; and very wisely he acted, I think. I do not believe there is quining enough in Liberia to save your life if you go there. Yours very truly,

Such advice and knowledge coming from one so able

has thrown a damper somewhat over Mr. Armisted's aspirations in that direction. But he says he is willing to make the trial, and if he finds his health failing it will be time enough then to give up the appointment.

THE PETROLEUM MARKET.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD AND RANGE OF PRICES The Christmas festivities of the brokers of the Consolidated Exchange put a bar on all trading that was not simply of a scalping character. For two hours business rules were sus-pended for the frolic, and in the other three hours less than pended for the front, and it the other three quarters of a million of barrels were dealt in. The news from the field was of small importance and the prices of certificates ruled on a plane somewhat higher than on Thursday. The market closed dull and strong.

The range of prices and the total dealings at the Consolidated Exchange yesterday were as follows:

Opening 66% Lowest 41ghest 67% Final 68

Transit Certificates opened at 66% and closed at 67%; highest price, 67%, lowest, 66%.

Bradford, Penn., Dec. 24.—National Transit Certificates opened at 66% and closed at 67%; highest price, 67%; lowest price, 66%; clearances, 892,000 barrels.

Titusvillar, Penn., Dec. 24.—National Transit Certificates opened at 66% and closed at 67; highest price, 67%; lowest price, 66%.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

FEATURES OF NEW-YORK DEALINGS. FEATURES OF NEW-YORK DEALINGS.
What activity there was in grain yesterday was confined to
the wheat markets. Shippers were free buyers of the cereal
and the quotations of spot lots were a shade better. The export purchases reached 120,000 bushels. The options were
dull and after a strong opening and a subsequent small rise
they fell of % % cent. The close was steady with practically no change, as follows: December 90. January 90%, February 92%, March 93%, May 96% cents. Cash corn was a shade lower and the exporters entirely neglected the market. Options were almost lifeless and ended unchanged at 47% for January, 48% for February and 51% cents for May. In oats spet lots were a trifle firmer but duil; the options closed with gains of % for December at 34%, ¼ for January at 35% stor February at 35% and % cent for May at 37 cents. Lard was duil, but stronger and the options closed up 2x% points as follows: December 86 53, January \$6 55, February \$6 64, March \$67.3, April \$6 82, May \$6 91.

The receipts of grain and floor yesterday at New-York, 195,640 bushels; corn. 146,675 bushels; oats, 91,831 bushels; total grain, 434,145 fushels; Jour, 37,547 barrels. At Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Loma the arrivals were: Wheat, 139,889 bushels; corn. 189,634 bushels; oats, 107,004 bushels; total grain, 446,427 bushels; four, 32,808 barrels. The Froduce Exchange will be closed to-day. no change, as follows : December 90, January 90%, February

THE TRADE IN CHICAGO.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (Special).—There were only 20,000 head of hogs at the yards this morning. The receipts for the week are 158,562 head, and the packing to date at this point is 500,000 head behind last year. Pork went up this morning in five minutes from \$11.80, where it opened, to \$12 for May, and might have gone a good deal further if there had been any incentive. Hutchinson was a large seller of wheat, and about the only one there was in the pit. The trade naturally was dull. If the movement to-day and on Christmas is even moderate, the experts for the week will be something like 1,500,000 bussels of wheat, not taking into account the flour. The visible supply will, it is estimated, increase about 500,000 bussels on Monday. Wheat advanced to \$55 cents for May. All day is hung between \$55 and \$55 cents.

SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE. SAVANNAH, Dec. 24.—Turpentine firm at 33½c. WILMINGTON, Dec. 24.—Turpentine firm at 33½c. CHARLESTON, Dec. 24.—Turpentine firm at 33c.

Johnny's Composition on Medicine.

"There is two kinds of medicine besides the kind you Rub
On and the first kind is the soft Kind which you take with a
spoon while A man holds your riead and you kick and fluggle
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"Golden Medical Discovery" will not cure a person whose lungs are almost wasted, but it is an unfailing remody is consumption if taken in time. All druggists.

Don't hawk, hawk, and blow, blow, disquesting everybedg but use Dr. Sago's Catarrh Remody